

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The export of cotton textiles (fabrics, made-ups and yarn) during the last three years were as under:-

	<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>
1985	648.56
1986	655.95
1987	1160.23*

\*Provisional.

(Source Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council) .

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The textile exports to Middle East countries have shown an upward trend.

#### Tax on Polyester

9168. SHRI MANIK REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of tax on polyester and the reasons for such high tax; and

(b) the rate of tax on polyester in some of the developing and developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A.K.PANJA): (a). The excise duty rates on polyester staple fibre and polyester filament yarn are given below:-

	<i>Basic duty + Additional duty (Rs. per kg.)</i>
Polyester staple fibre	15
Polyester filament yarn	53.75

In addition, special excise duty at the rate of 5% of the basic excise duty is leviable.

The incidence of duty on polyester staple fibre will be about 35%. In the case of polyester filament yarn, the incidence varies from about 60% to 95% depending on the denierage, type and price of the yarn. The duty incidence at the fibre/yarn stage is high, as the basic excise duty on man-made fabrics has been shifted to the fibre/yarn stage for administrative convenience and effective collection.

(b) Information in this regard is not available.

#### Interest Rates

9169. DR.V. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations for a greater flexibility in the Government's policies on interest rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government to those suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Suggestions have been made from time to time by various trade and industry associations, as well as by economists and other experts, in regard to the structure of interest rates in the country. All these suggestions are taken into account in the formulation of monetary and fiscal policy in the light of the emerging economic situation.

#### Subsidy to Farmers Under IRDP

9170. SHRI P. A ANTONY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the system of cash disbursement of subsidy to farmers in some more selected districts in the country under the Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) whether Kerala State is also being included for selection of districts for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No decision has been taken as yet to further extend the system of direct disbursement of loan and subsidy in cash under the Integrated Rural Development Programme.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

STATEMENT CORRECTING REPLY TO  
USQ NO.781 DATED 26.2.88 RE:YIELD  
OF TEA

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYANAN DUTT TIWARY): In reply to parts (a) and (b) of the question, the words "Figures in Kg." may be added on right-side top of the table.

The reasons for delay in laying the statement are that the mistake has been detected only recently.

12.00 hrs

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (Jadavpur): Sir, Water is not available in

Delhi.

[*English*]

There is water scarcity in Delhi. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK (Kalahandi): For the last five days, MPs' flats have no water.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: The Home Minister should ensure that Delhi citizens get water. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK: People in many parts of the country and especially in Delhi are suffering because there is no water. For the last five days, there is no water in the MPs' flats. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR.SPEAKER: Haven't you read that poem

[*English*]

"Water, water everywhere  
but not a drop to drink."

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please listen now. I think they are making efforts. I had a talk yesterday also on your behalf. I think they will be managing it within a day or so. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora): Mr. Speaker Sir, in some areas, taps have been running dry to the last 10 days and in some places water is coming on the lower levels but it is not reaching the tanks above.

MR. SPEAKER: Steps are being taken. It will take time to reach.